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SUBJECT: TERRORIST FINANCE: DISRUPTING TALIBAN FINANCING:
FOLLOW-UP GERMAN RESPONSE

REF: A. STATE 54918
[1](#)B. BERLIN 864

Classified By: DEPUTY POLITICAL COUNSELOR JEFF RATHKE. REASONS: 1.4 (B)
AND (D).

[1](#)1. (U) This message contains an action request. See para 3.

[1](#)2. (S) As previewed ref B, Pol-Mil Chief followed up on the demarche concerning Taliban financing (ref A) with Eckhart Blaurock, the Afghanistan action officer in the MFA's NATO Office May 3. Blaurock indicated that he had discussed the matter with NATO Office Director Dirk Brengelmanm, who supported the idea of a joint, high-level demarche to both Saudi Arabia and South Africa on the issue. Blaurock wondered, however, what criteria had been used in selecting the 12 Allies (out of the 26 who have troops in Afghanistan) to participate in the joint demarche. He also asked for further details on what the U.S. knows about individuals and entities in Saudi Arabia and South Africa involved in Taliban financing. Blaurock noted that this information would help prepare the way for Germany's participation in the proposed joint demarche.

[1](#)3. (S) Action Request: As requested by the German MFA, Post would appreciate information on the criteria used to select Allies for participation in the proposed joint approach. Post would also appreciate additional information that we can pass to the Germans about the individuals and entities in Saudi Arabi and South Africa who are financing the Taliban.
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